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My name is Sam Batkins; as a taxpayer and someone who enjoys a bowl of cereal and buttered toast every morning, I am curious as to why we continue the 1930's practice of unnecessary subsidies. We should not be addressing the issue as subsidies to farmers, however, but as the exploitation of millions of American consumers.

I pay an average of 90 cents more per pound of butter due to subsidies such as the MILC program and high trade barriers. While those costs might seem relatively small and diffuse, over the course of a year, such subsidies cost the average American household close to \$600. This is money I could use to pay back student loans, save for further education, and spend on food and clothing.

I'm sure many other taxpayers would agree with my position if they were aware of there negative impact.